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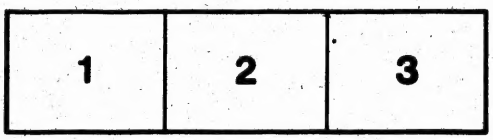

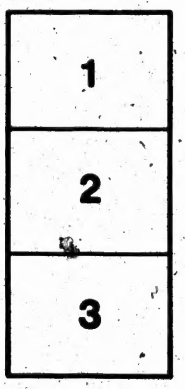

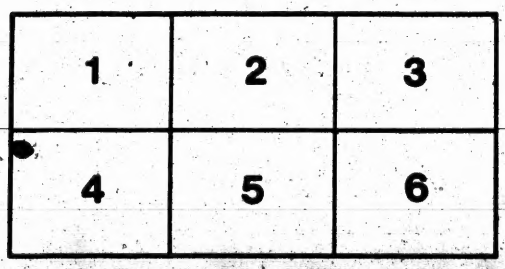

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To Mons. L'Maine.

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THE Day of my Arrival at this Place, I sent Dispatches to all the commanding Officers in *New-France*, to [illegible] within ten Days at *Montreal*. I also immediately sent Expresses to all the commanding Officers [illegible], to muster with all Expedition, the Natives inlisted in his Most Christian Majesty's Service, to join our Troops from *France*, and proceed forthwith to *Ohio*, there to follow such Directions as from time to time they shall receive from us at [illegible] According to Time appointed, I met Mons. L'D[illegible] at Montreal, with some other Officers; at which Interview [illegible] our Royal Master's Interest, which gives us a glorious Prospect of [illegible] adding a Kingdom to our Royal Sovereign's Dominions, for by their Account from North to South, they have inlisted into his Majesty's Service about Five Thousand resolute young Natives among the several Tribes; and those have been for some Time disciplin'd, and well equip'd with all Necessaries. They also inform him, that one Regiment from *France*, with the Marine included, are [illegible] near Two Thousand Four Hundred, who are to build many strong Forts at *Ohio* and Mississippi, which in Variety of Time we expect will prove impregnable against any Force the *English* can raise. The Cannon for said Forts is already dispatched [illegible] with some Regulars included, will [illegible] Five Thousand; with these determine [illegible] compleated by Spring [illegible]

fery, the second by Monſ. *Beriſi*, and the third by Monſ. *Eſtrades*. Count *Maurepas* to proceed to *Crown Point*, and divide his [illegible] the Duke of [illegible] Monſ. [illegible] to [illegible] of *New-England*; which are all to be divided into Parties, as the reſpective Officers ſhall judge proper. We deſign only to ſend ſmall Parties of *Indians* into their back Settlements, to bring us freſh Supplies of Proviſion, until we are properly fortified. Father *Lewis*, by an uncommon Affinity and Influence, has gained over to our Intereſt, a Number of young Men of the *Six Nations*, who by the *Engliſh* are look'd upon as our Enemies; let that Suſpicion remain, and they may keep the old Men and Women at [illegible]

I muſt not omit to acquaint you, that their new Governor is more and more zealous and reſolute to be a principal Inſtrument (with the moſt Aſſiſtance of the Houſe of *Bourbon*) for deſtroying and extirpate *Hereſy* out of *America*, which ſuch a glorious Acquiſition will add to *Kingdom*, which will prove ſuperior to *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and furniſh Stores of every Kind for His Moſt Chriſtian and Catholic Majeſty's Navy, and Proviſions and other Neceſſaries even in Profuſion for the Supply of [illegible]

This Great Hero, the preſent Governor of *Canada*, did not take this Task upon him of making a Conqueſt of that Part of *North America* poſſeſs'd by the *Engliſh*, only from a Motive which makes him Rule the Roſt, and becauſe he has got a ſuperior Title, but his preſent Diſpoſition animates him to be revenge'd on the *Engliſh* for the late Indignities offer'd to his Illuſtrious Perſon and Royal Prerogatives; and in order to [illegible] thoſe Parts, inveſted with the Power and Authority of Church and State, and ſupported with Money and other Aſſiſtance, by His Moſt Chriſtian and Catholic Majeſties, and has likewiſe received the ſupreme Sanction and ſovereign Benediction of His Holineſs the Pope, to drive out of *America* peſtilent *Hereſy*, to make Room for good Catholicks. I have [illegible] all Intelligence from [illegible] Engliſh Fleet [illegible] Time paſt, which [illegible]

with him, are in high Spirits, & eager to assist us against the French; and conceive an infinite Satisfaction at our present Prospect of pulling those fruitful Lands now enjoy'd by the Enemy.

I have lately had a Conference with *Mr Louis*, an *Irish Jesuit* of the Order of *St. Patrick*, a very ingenious Man, who had been among the several Tribes, influencing and inlisting the Natives into His Most Christian Majesty's Service. He gives me a very succinct and satisfactory Account of the several Tribes of Indians near *Canada*, that upon any emergent Occasion, we may command what Numbers we shall have Occasion for. He gives me also a particular Relation of the several Provinces inhabited by the *English* on the Sea Coasts, and appears perfectly acquainted with their Manners and Customs. He informs me there are many of our hearty Friends among them, with whom he has settled a Correspondence by Letters, by the way of *Cape Breton*, and from thence to *Quebeck*. The *English* (he says) are our good Friends, that the Measures we have concerted could not be more effectually carried on, were it not that one hundred Sail of Ships, Vessels yearly arrive at *Cape Breton* with Provisions and other Necessaries from *Philadelphia*, *New York*, *Boston*, *Rhode Island*, &c. which, by a moderate Computation, have brought to *Louisbourg* two hundred Barrels of Flour, two hundred Barrels of Pork and five hundred Tons of Bread, and of Butter, Cheese, Hogs, Neat Cattle, and Poultry more than to Profusion; some of which is sent to our Northern Plantations, and the King's Commissioners supply the Inhabitants at *Cape Breton*, and send large Quantities to our Army at *Quebeck*, which elevates the Spirits of our Soldiers. We have also a good supply of Powder by the Way of *Cape Breton*. The Settlements of the *English* bordering on the Sea Coast, is satisfactory; they having little or no Military Discipline among them, no Arms, Ammunition, neither do they know properly how to use them, except those Citizens, *Boston*, who took it at *Cape Breton*; these cast a Damp on our Undertakings; they have the same Governor *Shirley*, who is an enterprizing, resolute Man; and whom he, and the Puritan Ministers, say to the Inhabitants, *Go, fight for your Religion*. And tell them, that if they refuse like Lions, and like Cowards die in Battle, they submit to the Dictates of our Holy Father, Jesuits, Friers,

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[illegible] call'd the *Neutral Islands*, in *South-America*; but his most Christian Majesty is determin'd to decide the Controversy very soon: He is now peopling the *Neutral Islands*, and what Causes will be requisite to forward the same, is already at Hand. From *Canada* and *Mississippi* they are to have a sufficient Number of regular Troops to join the Natives, to whom we are preparing to receive them, and those to the different Parts of the *English*, between *Canso-Point* and *Florida*. Our Officers are directed to send proper Persons into the *English* Provinces, to make a more certain Discovery of their Strength and Weakness; These are to deceive the *English* (which *French Policy* has frequently done) by passing them with being Deserters.

Our Grand Monarque's Will and Pleasure is, that we immediately build strong Forts between *Canso-Point* and *Ohio*, sufficient to secure Fifty Thousand Men, and so situated, that upon any extraordinary Occasion, they may immediately unite and engage the *English*, if they should attempt to oppose us: At present, they appear unconcern'd and secure; However, their Numbers cannot terrify us, when they have no Discipline or Union. Had there been as many as *Mexico*, before the Conquest, a small Body of our Soldiers, headed by our Hero, the present [illegible] would have been sufficient to [illegible] the *Mexicans*.

I must, with secret Pleasure to ourselves, tell you, *Sir*, that we are pitying, not envying, the *English* who are peopling *Nova-Scotia*: in thus fatiguing themselves in clearing Land, and expending considerable Sums in building, *&c.* as his most Christian Majesty's Pleasure is, to prepare a large Squadron to deprive them of their Lands and Possessions: Then will they cry out, *Who would have imagined this would have befallen us, when no more Disturbance has been at Home?* When this is effected, the *English* may undertake by Remonstrances, to complain of a Violation of Treaties.———

I need not inform you, *Sir*, of our well concerted Plan, which is, to keep *New-England*, *South-Carolina* and *Georgia* fully employ'd to defend their own Territories, in order to prevent their